Iowa Department of Public Health Division of Acute Disease Prevention and Emergency Response

Preparedness Advisory Committee

Wednesday, July 24, 2013 10:00am to 12:00pm Webinar

Minutes

I. Call to Order & Roll call

Corey Bakalar, Doug Beardsley, Michael Sellers, Linda Opheim, Sandra Mcgrath, Adam Wainwright, Steve Cirinna, Ed Bottei, Sarah Dixon Gale, Linda Bindner, Rebecca Curtiss, Carmily Stone, Art Spies, Rick Kozin, Jami Haberl, John Hallbrook, Karen Hyatt, Wanda Reiter Kintz, Trent Mull, Cindy Heick, Ann Garvey, Kari Catron, Jennifer Bedet, Tricia Kitzmann, John Hallman, Tony Leonard, Robin Sevier, Leann Orr, Kathy Koehn, Brent Spear, Meaghan Rogers, Sandra Lyles, Clark Christensen, Diane Williams

II. Approval of minutes

Art Spies moved to approve the April 26, 2013 meeting minutes, Doug Beardsley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented through general acclamation.

III. Election of FY 13-14 Officers

Linda Bindner nominated Ed Bottei as Chair. Sandy McGrath seconded the nomination. Ed Bottei was elected chair for the FY 13-14 cycle.

Steve Cirinna and Jami Haberl were nominated for vice chair. Steve Cirinna was elected to fill the vice-chair position for the FY 13-14 cycle.

IV. Reports

a. CDOR Update

1. Grant Status

Rebecca Curtiss provided an update on local public health and hospital contract deliverables for FY 12-13.

The FY 13-14 contract extensions have been provided to hospitals and local public health agencies. These extensions are for the period of July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013. Contracts for the RFP will begin October 1, 2013 and run through June 30, 2013.

Brent Spear and Diane Williams provided information on the contract extension at regional meetings in July.

2. RFP Status

A third round of questions has been submitted through the RFP process. Answers will be posted on Monday, July 29. The RFP is due on August 5, 2013. Notice of intent to award will be posted on September 6, 2013. The contract period will be effective through the following dates October 1, 2013-June 30, 2014. An RFA will be conducted in the spring for the next grant year, running July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015.

3. Social Media

IDPH is now allowing each bureau to have individual Facebook pages. The PAC committee was asked if CDOR should sponsor a Facebook page. Based on comments provided, CDOR will move forward with this initiative.

4. EMS System Development Grant

lowa Code section 135.25, Chapter 140 was amended to change the process for awarding EMS System Development grant funding. The funding can now be awarded through an application process with the county Board of Health or county Board of Supervisors. Contract period for the funding will run from September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Webinars are being provided to explain the application process.

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5. DMAT Structure Changes

The Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT) are working with IDPH to centralize the management of the 5 teams. The transition will occur over the next six months. Medical direction, pharmaceutical cache, and biomed services will be managed through service agreements/contracts. A DMAT advisory group is being developed to assist with the process.

6. HAN Transition Update

IDPH is transitioning to a new HAN system. Tom Boeckmann attended the July regional meetings to provide information on the new system.

The Iowa Public Health Advance Capacity Tracking System will be transitioning to EMResource. This is a HAvBED compliant system. This is a flexible system that coalitions will be welcome to engage as needed.

b. CADE Update

CADE is working up a Cyclospora outbreak. The investigation has move to tracking the "source" of the infection with the Department of Inspections and Appeals. It is believed that there is not an ongoing source of infection.

There has been an increase in enteric diseases. This could be due to the additional testing for cyclospora.

Two cases of West Nile have been confirmed in Iowa. IDPH will continue to monitor West Nile for the next couple of months.

c. SHL Update

SHL is continuing to search for an Associate Director. Mary DeMartino is currently the interim director of the disease control division.

SHL will have an emerging infectious disease fellow that will start on August 30th. His name is Drew Fayram. He recently graduated from the University of Iowa. He will be working in bacteriology with Mary DeMartino and in emergency preparedness with Wanda Reiter Kintz.

SHL is still working on Tier 1 regulations, which involve specific changes to the select agent program such as security and personnel reliability. The CDC inspection for the University of Iowa occurred in April, but SHL has not received the final report. SHL is currently in phase II of the modifications and focusing on IT security at this time.

SHL is dealing with the Cyclospora outbreak. SHL has received 1279 specimens since July 1st, and has enlisted assistance from Wisconsin, Missouri, and Maryland public health laboratories, as well as the VA Hospital laboratory in lowa City to manage the specimens.

SHL launched two new CLIA courses in the past few months that are available as free online training. Mary DeMartino is also working on a virtual knowledge assessment in collaboration with the CDC that will be directed at sentinel laboratorians to improve their capability for the identification of potential agents of bioterrorism.

SHL is working on completing performance measures and deliverables for budget period 2.

d. EH Regional Collaboration Update

Heather Lloyd is attending an ICS communication class at Camp Dodge. EHRT has lost one member due to attrition. Heather is setting up missions in i-SERV to ensure the EHRT's proficiency with the system in a disaster. Heather is also assisting with the development of the CDOR RFP.

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a. Coalition Development and Strategic Planning

1. Tool Development

IDPH is meeting with the coalition development and strategic planning workgroups jointly. The workgroup reviewed all the grant rollout materials and grant implementation checklist. The workgroup is providing IDPH local perspective on grant materials to ensure tools are realistic and support local preparedness activities.

2. Additional Participant Needs

The joint coalition development and strategic planning workgroup need additional membership for the subcommittees to help develop and vet grant tools. Approximately 18 people are needed to actively participant on the workgroup representing small, medium, and large entities that encompass local public health/environmental health, hospitals, and emergency management. Current members will be asked if they wish to remain on the committee. The PAC recommended IDPH send a blast message to hospitals and local public health representatives to seek volunteers. IDPH will work with Steve Cirinna, the PAC EMA Association representative, to identify county emergency management representatives. IDPH will work with the PAC chair to identify membership based on the volunteers.

VI. Budget Review

The FY 12-13 budget was reviewed.

VII. New Business

- a. New business
 - 1. Changes in Committee Engagement and Reporting

IDPH proposed that the PAC committee membership should have a larger opportunity to report on activities of the associations and other partners of the committee during the meetings. IDPH will contact the membership before the next meeting to identify entities that have information to share.

- b. Next Meeting
 - 1. Wednesday, October 23, 2013
 - 2. Wednesday, January 22, 2014
 - *Emergency meetings may be scheduled as needed

VIII. Adjourn

The webinar recording is accessible at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/289438993